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1. [] Called the office of Clark MacGregor in the White House, and, due to his unavailability, talked to Bill Timmons about Representative Paul McCloskey's (R., Calif) inquiry as to how to arrange to meet Agency representatives during his planned trip to Southeast Asia. I noted that one solution might be to tell McCloskey that our people in the field were responsible to our ambassador and that if he wanted to see them he should do so through the Embassy. Timmons thought this was a good idea.

I told Timmons that we had thus far successfully avoided McCloskey's recent requests for briefings at Headquarters on the Southeast Asian situation. Timmons said that in such cases it might be best to refer them to the State Department. I said we tried to do this, but we are not always successful, and when we get into a really sticky situation, we sometimes had to appeal to our Committee Chairman. I said if MacGregor or Timmons thought the problem should be reviewed we would be glad to sit down with them at their convenience. Timmons said he might call us.

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2. [] George Murphy on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy called to say that he had talked with Dr. Teller about the statement attributed to him to the effect that the Soviets were leading the U.S. in computer technology. Teller told Murphy that there had been some mistake in the report attributing this statement to him, for, in fact, his view on the subject was quite the opposite of this. Murphy asked that I pass this on to Mr. Duckett.

Murphy asked what the situation was on the Soviet missile program as disclosed by Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) on Sunday. He said he understood Senator Symington was making a statement on the floor of the Senate today including references to the fact that this information was not presented in a recent briefing given the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. I briefed Murphy on the subject and told him the information had not been developed at the time the Director briefed the Joint Committee last month.

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